

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C §112. The transition metal language claims 1 and 11 may be found at page 3, line 10. Support for amendment and claim 15 may be found at page 16, lines 28-29.

The claims have been rejected as being anticipated by Ginn, or in the alternative by Fuller, or in the alternative by Williams, or in the alternative by Gipp. Applicants respectfully traverse all the rejections. The Examiner has not pointed to any teaching in any of the cited patents with regard to any electrolytes containing transition metal cations. Since the cited documents do not teach each and every element of the claims, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

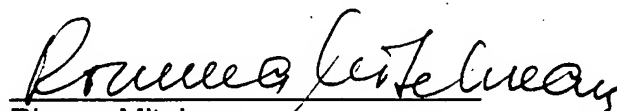
With respect to the double-patenting rejection, in light of the availability of Terminal Disclaimer practice, applicants agree to the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer upon an indication of the allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's acknowledgement of the consideration of documents submitted with Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on February 7, 2002 and Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on September 10, 2003.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be allowed to issue.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rimma Mitelman", written over a horizontal line.

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